

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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| In the matter of |) | |
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| Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 15, 74, 78, 87, 90 |) | |
| and 97 of the Commission's Rules Regarding |) | ET Docket No. 12-338 |
| Implementation of the Final Acts of the |) | |
| World Radiocommunication Conference |) | |
| (Geneva, 2007) (WRC-07), Other Allocation |) | |
| Issues, and Related Rules Updates |) | |

COMMENTS

I support the proposal to amend Part 97 of the Commission's rules to raise the secondary amateur service allocation in the 1900-2000 KHz band to primary status for amateur radio operators under Part 97 of the Commission's regulations.

I have held an amateur radio license issued by the Commission continuously since 1979. I began operating in the 1900-2000 KHz band in 1987 and have continually operated in this segment since 2003.

The Commission acknowledges in its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order dated November 15, 2012 ("Order") that other frequencies allocated to Radiolocation services ("RLS") accommodate their use and are sufficient to accommodate future RLS needs. Thus, as the Commission states in its Order, RLS beacons that once operated in the 1900-2000 KHz band have fallen out of use so that there "appear to be few (if any) RSL stations operating in this band." Order at 12.

The withdrawal by RLS services from the 1900-2000 KHz band has given amateur radio operators de facto exclusive use of the band for many years. Consequently, it is now appropriate, as the Commission asserts, to restore "100 kilohertz of spectrum to nearly exclusive amateur service use." Order at 12-13.

Respectfully submitted,

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